

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

1-7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A device for activating a personal protection device, comprising:  
an arrangement configured to activate the personal protection device as a function of a delay between a first signal from an impact sensor system situated in a front of a vehicle and a second signal from a centrally located acceleration sensor system, the first and second signals each identifying an impact.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the arrangement is configured to determine a crash severity as a function of a delay and to activate the personal protection device as a function of the crash severity.

10. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the arrangement initiates a deployment algorithm as a function of the first signal.

11. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 10, wherein the arrangement is configured to determine a size of an impact object as a function of the delay and influences the deployment algorithm as a function of the size.

12. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the arrangement takes the delay into account in determining a site of impact.

13. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the impact sensor system includes at least one of a contact sensor system, an acceleration sensor system, and an environment sensor system.

14. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the impact sensor system is distributed on a front of the vehicle.

15. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein:

the arrangement is configured to determine a crash severity as a function of a delay and to activate the personal protection device as a function of the crash severity,

the arrangement initiates a deployment algorithm as a function of the first signal, and

the arrangement is configured to determine a size of an impact object as a function of the delay and influences the deployment algorithm as a function of the size.

16. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein:

the arrangement takes the delay into account in determining a site of impact,

the impact sensor system includes at least one of a contact sensor system, an acceleration sensor system, and an environment sensor system, and

the impact sensor system is distributed on a front of the vehicle.

17. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein:

the arrangement is configured to determine a crash severity as a function of a delay and to activate the personal protection device as a function of the crash severity,

the arrangement initiates a deployment algorithm as a function of the first signal,

the arrangement is configured to determine a size of an impact object as a function of the delay and influences the deployment algorithm as a function of the size,

the arrangement takes the delay into account in determining a site of impact, the impact sensor system includes at least one of a contact sensor system, an acceleration sensor system, and an environment sensor system, and

the impact sensor system is distributed on a front of the vehicle.